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TO: LME Directors

FROM: Leza Wainwright

**RE: Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Related
Admissions in Community Emergency Departments, SFY 2007-08**

Enclosed please find the fourth report of the *Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Related Admissions in Community Emergency Departments Report, 2007-08*. This report covers information on Emergency Department admissions among mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse consumers for the state fiscal year of 2007-08. The information for the 4th quarter by itself is obtainable in Appendix C of the current report.

The data presented in this report has been collected through the North Carolina Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NC DETECT). The system was created by the North Carolina Division of Public Health (NC DPH) in 2004 to address the need for early detection and timely public health surveillance in North Carolina using a variety of secondary data sources. As of April 30, 2008, there are 110 hospitals reporting production level data to the NC DETECT system.

If you have any questions on the data presented in this report, please send them via electronic mail to ContactDMHQuality@ncmail.net

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